21-22, 2000. The Indian delegation was led BY SHRI MURASOLI MARAN, MINISTER for Commerce and Industry. During the Sixth Session of Indo-China Joint Group, the various areas discussed included importance of e-commerce, exchange of visits between business communities, establishment of business representative offices, organisation of exhibitions, trade fairs, grant of business visas, strengthening cooperation in the field of infrastructure, cooperation in the field of drugs, pharmaceuticals, cooperation in the metallurgy sector, etc.

The Govt. of India works towards the improvement and expansion of trade with China and Japan. The various steps taken include exchange of delegations, holding of JBC meetings, exchange of information, participation in fairs and exhibitions, etc.

Notification of Calcium Carbide Rules, 1987

1825. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Calcium Carbide Rules, 1987 has been published in the Official Gazette by the Ministry of Industry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Calcium Carbide Rules, 1987 framed under the Petroleum Act, 1934 have been published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary Part II, Section 3 sub-section (i) dated 20.2.1987. These Rules govern the import of Calcium Carbide by sea, land and air, its storage and transportation. For quantities exceeding 500 kgs., the licence to import and store Calcium Carbide is issued by the Department of Explosives which administers these Rules.

Revision in current Industrial Policy

1826. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in the light of achievement made in the industrial sector since the inception of structural reforms especially on the unemployment and regional imbalances, Government propose to make any revision in the current Industrial Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) to (c) The industrial development in the country is governed by the New Industrial Policy announced in July, 1991. Various initiatives in respect of policies relating to industrial licensing, foreign investment, foreign technology agreement and public sector policies etc. have been taken. Review of the policy, procedure and their implementation has been an ongoing process in response to emerging situations.

Industrial and Infrastructural Investment in Uttar Pradesh

†1827. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the percentage of industrial and infrastructural investment in Uttar Pradesh during the last five years; and

(b) what measures are being taken by Government for increasing the industrial growth in this large State if it is at the minimum level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) The industrial (including infrastructural) investment approved in the non-SSI sector during the last five years for Uttar Pradesh is about 5% of the total industrial and infrastructural investment for the country as a whole.

(b) Under the liberalized economic regime it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to create a conducive atmosphere for investment through provision of infrastructural facilities for the development of industries in the State. However, the Central Government is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments (including Uttar Pradesh) in this direction through various measures like the Growth Centre Scheme, Integrated Infrastructure Development Centre Scheme, Transport Subsidy Scheme etc.

Implementation of Shukla Commission recommendations

1828. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the salient recommendations of Shukla Commission on development

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.